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State of Montana  
House of Representatives  
Judiciary Committee  
Helena, MT

**RE: HB 19**

Dear Distinguished Members:

History clearly substantiates the negative impact of having a chairperson who is biased, arbitrary and blatantly power mongering, in his adjudication of his duties. The BOPP under the chair of Mike McGee has caused irrefutable pain and suffering to those who have come before the BOPP.

If you have even been at a parole hearing, you are well aware of the unconscionable demeanor of the board as they purposefully belittle and demean the inmate. The BOPP has become known as the "God Squad" to those of us who have had to live with their very arbitrary and arrogant decisions.

I pray that you will put your full support behind this most important bill, and allow for the Governor to change the presiding officer of the BOPP.

Thank you for your time and consideration..

Respectfully,